

FIG. 1a Expanded Stent

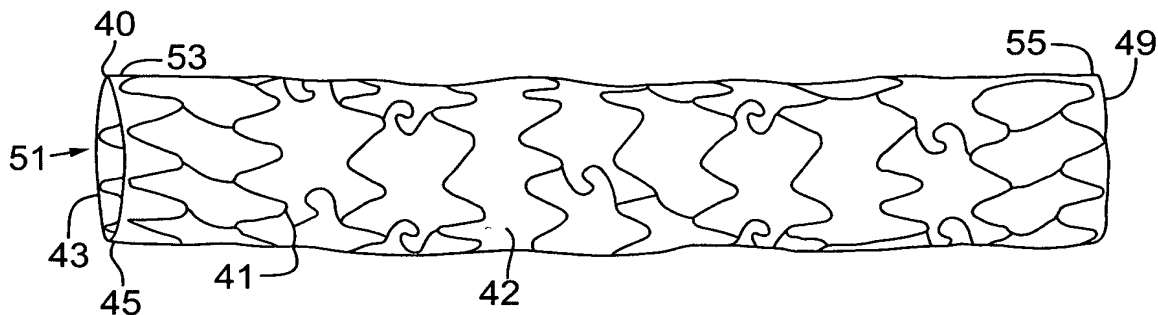
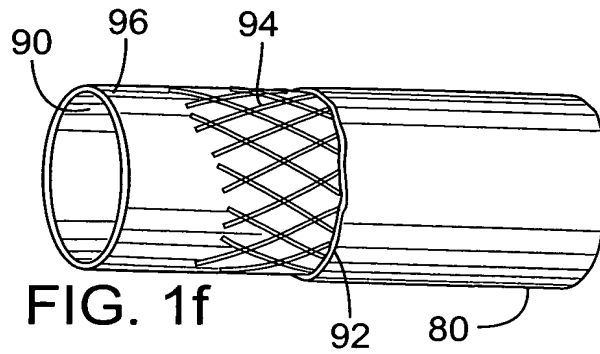
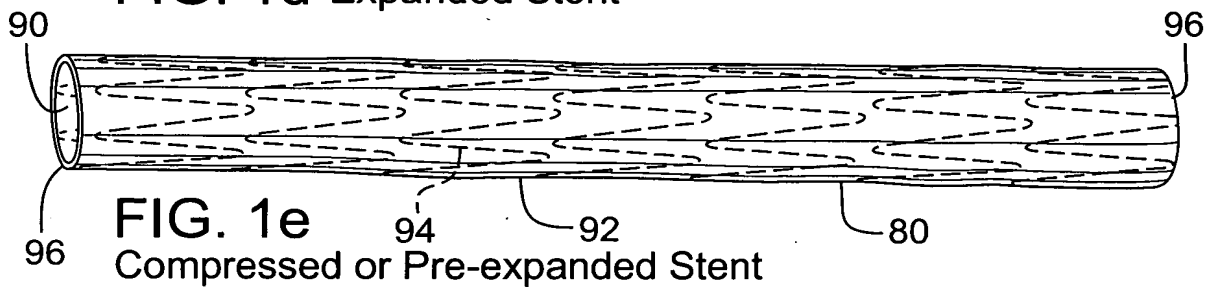
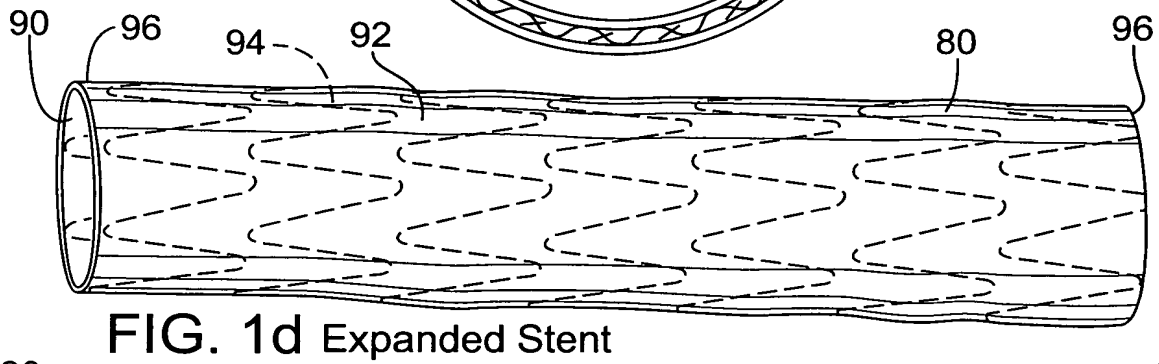
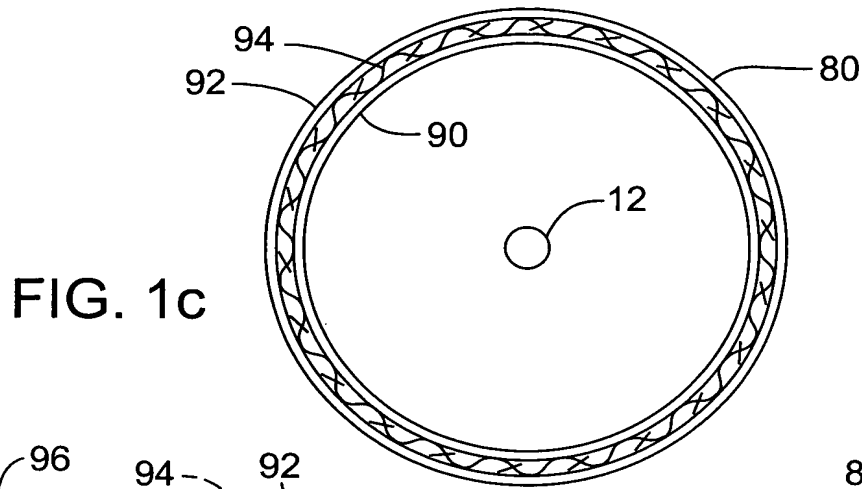


FIG. 1b
Compressed or Pre-expanded Stent



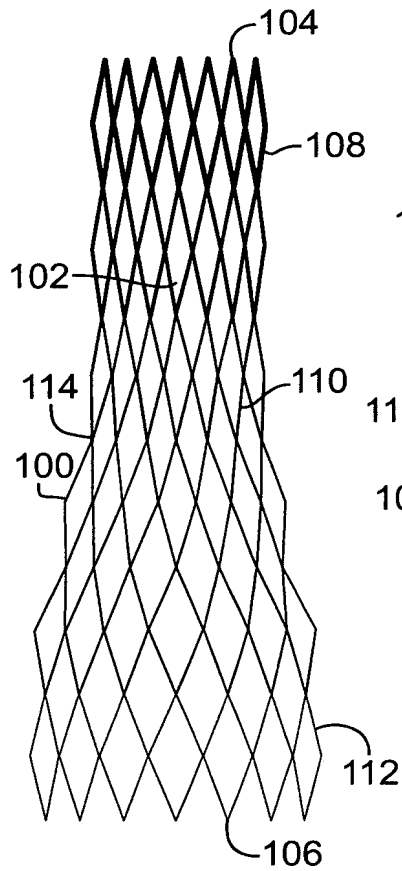


FIG. 13a
 Distal Portion of
 Stent is Thinner
 Metal

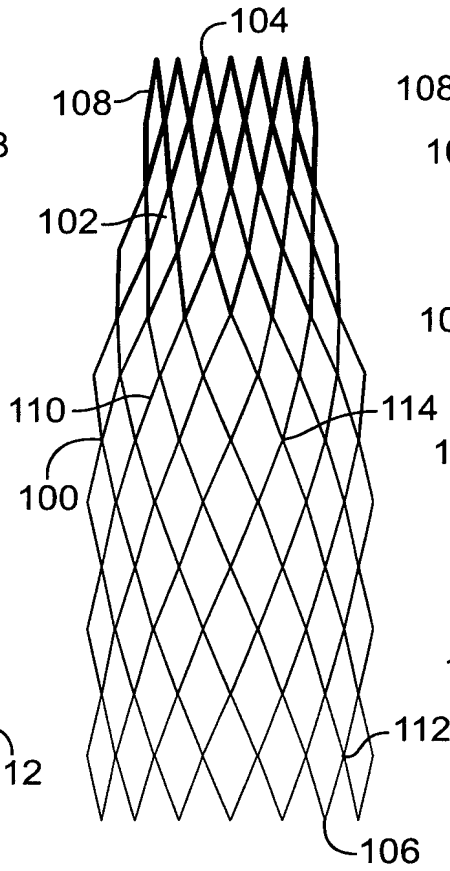


FIG. 13b
 Stent Dilation
 Showing the
 Thinner Area
 Dialating First

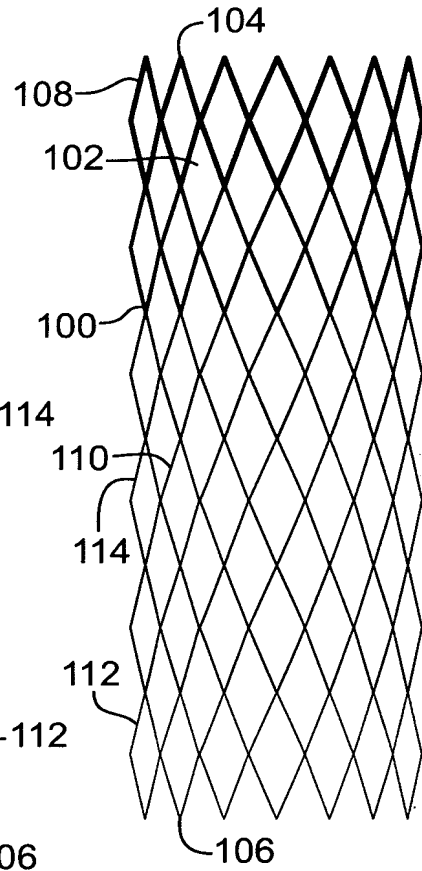


FIG. 13c
 From Bottom to
 Top Gradually
 Thicker Metal

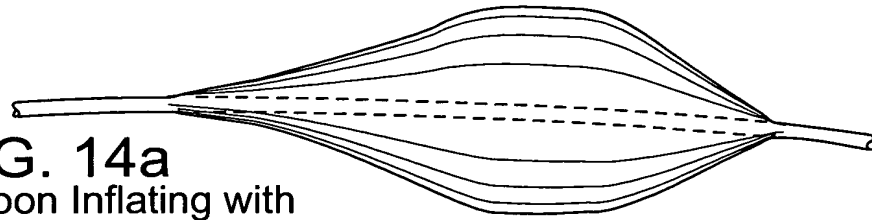


FIG. 14a
Balloon Inflating with
Distal End Opening First

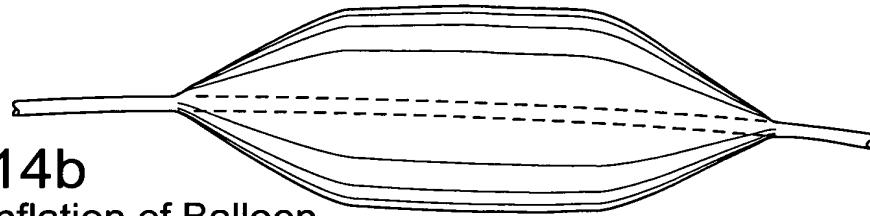


FIG. 14b
Further Inflation of Balloon
Showing Complete Inflation

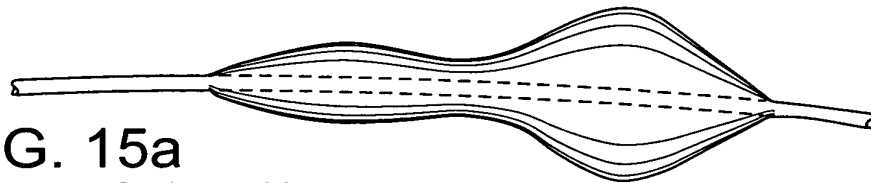


FIG. 15a
Balloon Inflating with
Distal End Opening First

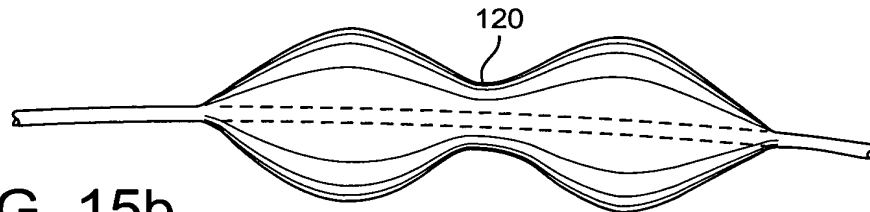


FIG. 15b
Proximal End Inflating Second

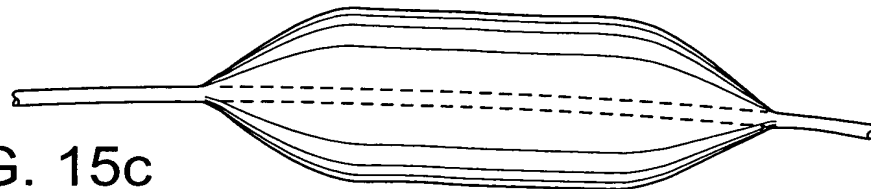


FIG. 15c
Full Balloon Inflation